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- The GDR elections on 17 October 1954 were an internal affair. They were not to serve as a pattern for all-German elections (Pushkin, allegedly, criticized the voting procedure applied on 17 October).
- b. The SED does not intend to impose the political and economic structure of the GDR on West Germany. The SED only proposes that certain reforms such as a land reform and a school reform be carried out in a re-unified Germany and it also wishes that the most important branches of the German heavy industry and of the transportation system be nationalized.
- c. As indicated by Molotov at the four-power conference in Berlin, the Weimar constitution, after some amendments, could serve as a political basis for a re-unified Germany.
- d. The GDR Government and the SED accept the SPD action program, according to which only the re-unified German people as a whole is entitled to decide upon its political and economic system.

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- e. The GDR and the SED do not raise any demands prejudicing the procedure applied for the reunification of Germany. The People's Chamber and the GDR Government declare their readiness to consider and answer without delay every proposal made by the West German Parliament or the West German Government in regard to the execution of free elections and a peaceful reunification of Germany. The GDR Government and the SED expressly declare that the population of both West and East Germany must have the right to decide themselves and free from any outside intervention on all questions of the future political régime and the structure of the German economy.
- Pushkin also gave the SED the order to refrain from all activities designed to distage or damage the relations between East and West Germany. In this respect, Pushkin issued the following directives:
 - a. Political propaganda to be conducted by the press and in public rallies should be concentrated against the "armament-mad" Americans, especially against Dulles and Adenauer.
 - b. Each individual who sided against the rearmament of West, means and, if possible the SED or those bourg Council and the Peace politicians of the Each CDU travelled to West Germany on 1 November 1954).
- 3. Pushkin also stated that about 100 women had been invited to a conference in Berlin organized by the Presidium of the International Women's Movement. Members of the West German intelligential and politicians in opposition to Adenauer would be invited to the conference of the World Peace Council scheduled to be held in Stockholm on 18 November. The two conferences would be used to sharpen the conscience of the world against the implementation of the Paris agreements and the rearmament of Western Germany.
- 4. It was furthermore learned from GDR journalists that Pushkin was dissatisfied with the French Communist party and the French pacifists. The rally organized by them on 31 October 1954 was a failure. Herriot and Daladier were also criticized by Pushkin. The Soviet diplomat further stated that the opposition movement in Great Britain, Italy, and other West European countries was rather ineffective. This was still more the case in regard to West Germany. Pushkin believed it possible that the disintegration of the West German Government coalition and a growing opposition against the intended Saar settlement would prevent the ratification of the Paris agreements or would at least involve a considerable delay of this ratification owing to new negotiations between Adenauer and Mendès-France.
- 5. The Soviets do not expect an official ban to be imposed against the West German Communist party. They believe that the situation will probably not be changed after the verdict in the trial now pending at the Supreme Court in Karlsruhe. On the other hand, it was expected that the fight against the rearmament of West Germany would increase class struggle to such an extent that police and administrative

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